



**City of Glenarden
Special Work Session
November 18, 2013 - 6:30PM
Minutes**

Council President – Carolyn Smallwood
Council Vice President – Elaine Carter
Councilwoman – Judy Diggs
Councilwoman – Deborah Eason
Councilwoman – Jennifer Jenkins
Councilwoman – Maxine Phifer
Mayor Dennis C. Smith
Interim City Manager – Bill Reaves
Treasurer – Christopher Wood

- Call to Order at 6:30pm
- Invocation led by Rev. Gray
- Roll Call

Councilwoman Diggs – Late Arrival
Councilwoman Eason – Present
Councilman Herring – Present
Councilwoman Jenkins – Present
Councilwoman Phifer – Present
Councilwoman Carter - Present
Councilwoman Smallwood – Present

We have a Quorum

- Motion to Adopt Agenda

Councilwoman Jenkins motion to adopt the agenda – Seconded by Councilwoman Eason

Councilwoman Diggs – Late Arrival

Councilwoman Eason – Yes

Councilman Herring – Yes

Councilwoman Jenkins – Yes

Councilwoman Phifer – Yes

Councilwoman Carter - Yes

Councilwoman Smallwood – Yes

6 Yes

Passed

- Topic of Discussion
 - Auditor Selection
 - ✓ Recommendation by Councilwoman Smallwood is to ask the five auditors to send two separate bids - one for the standard audit and one for the forensic audit or we continue with the Lindsey organization.
 - ✓ Councilwoman Phifer recommends that we move forward with CohnResnick and not continue with the Lindsey organization.
 - ✓ Councilwoman Carter suggests that we move forward with what was presented by the Administration and opposed to the Lindsey Organization.
 - ✓ If the Council separates the bids then wants to send out for more bids for the forensic audit.
 - ✓ Councilwoman Eason notes that the cost should be clarified that the cost will stand, as is, if we do not use the auditor for both the

standard and the forensic audits. Does not recommend continuing with the Lindsey organization.

- ✓ Councilwoman Jenkins recommends that the council should not go against the administration, and supports their selection – clarify the resolution and move forward. And recommends that the City move forward to do the forensic audit to clear up the outstanding concerns/questions.
- ✓ Councilman Herring recommends that the audit be split out and also states that the administration is in violation with the charter. Suggest that Council move forward with the standard audit and have the forensic audit at a later date. Also, states the money is not available for the forensic audit.
- ✓ Interim City Manager states that CohnResnik is the lowest bid and feels the money is available for the standard and forensic audits, under professional services.
- ✓ Councilwoman Smallwood major concern is that the RFP was written for two separate bids. The concern is not the auditor selected but how the contract was written for a standard and forensic audit combined.
- ✓ Councilwoman Smallwood asks Mr. Wood does the standard auditor tell if the books are clean and if a forensic audit is needed. Mr. Wood indicates that a standard audit is not an indicator for a forensic audit.
- ✓ Mayor Smith – CohnResnick will look at our processes of the accounting department. Suggest that it would be irresponsible to

not to do a forensic audit -based on past standard audits, and that it is owed to the citizens for a forensic audit.

- ✓ Mayor Smith offers to have the auditor chosen, while during the negotiation process, to present to the Council with any questions.
- ✓ Councilwoman Jenkins request that the request for clarification of pricing be done via email and as soon as possible due to the already lateness of the audit.
- ✓ Councilwoman Phifer notes that an audit is needed immediately to have completed.

- Adjourn 7:36PM

Submitted By:
Toni Taylor, Council Clerk